

touly destroyed. This is only upon one of the islands, and if the same wanton spirit has been displayed at other islands where the rival faction are settled, the mischief will be more serious than anticipated. The destruction of cocoanut and breadfruit trees is a great evil; the nuts of the former, when made into copra, are the chief staple of commerce, and the latter constitutes the chief article of food. A scarcity of the fruit of either means to the natives great suffering, with disease and death.